



FOR A HEALTHIER AMERICA: PhRMA's Public Policy Strategy to Combat the Opioid Crisis



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PhRMA and its members are committed to working with other stakeholders to collectively address this growing public health crisis. We support public policies that:

- Ensure patients with legitimate medical needs have access to appropriate pain treatment options
- Ensure patients vulnerable to abuse or addiction, and those with other mental health issues receive appropriate treatment
- Reduce the potential risks of abuse and addiction
- Provide law enforcement with the necessary tools and capacity to combat diversion, fraud and abuse

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7-Day Script Limits for
Acute Pain with exceptions



Prohibit dispensing of schedule II
drugs in office setting

Policies supporting 30-day script limit
for chronic pain with measures to
encourage appropriate use

**Implementing new prescriber
requirements to curb overprescribing**

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Pain Management

Risks and Benefits of
prescribing Opioids



Mental Health Disorder
Screening

New Pain Treatment
Alternatives

Prescription Drug
Monitoring Programs

**Implement mandatory, ongoing prescriber
training to improve education**

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Improved Coverage and
Access

Elimination of barriers to
treatment



Enforcement of Mental
Health Parity

Opioid Overdose Reversal
Agents

**Expand coverage and access to
range of options to treat addiction**

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Mandated registration,
use and training



Data Sharing

PDMP Best Practices

Cross-state Interoperability

**Use prescription drug monitoring
programs to prevent doctor shopping**

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Public-Private Partnerships



Encouraged development
and expedited review

Address coverage and
access barriers

**Develop and use new medications to
reduce the risk of abuse, prevent addiction
and treat addiction and overdose**

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Shut Down Diversion

DEA Emergency Scheduling
Authority



Assessment of DEA Role
and Authorities

**Strengthen law enforcement's
tools and capacity to go after
illegal activity**

Thank You!

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